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APPLICANTS: Fletcher et al.  
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FILING DATE: Herewith      EXAMINER: Not yet assigned  
TITLE: Methods and Apparatus for Counting and Positioning using Resonant Tags

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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications (A1- A6) are enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

#### STATEMENT

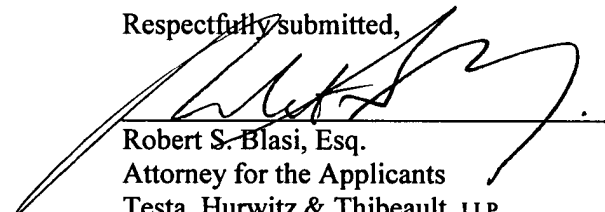
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>									
EXAM. INIT.		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
	A1	4,862,160	08/29/89	Ekchian et al.	340	825.54	03/20/87		
	A2	5,028,745	07/02/91	Yamanami et al.	178	19	09/28/89		
	A3	5,942,991	08/24/99	Gaudreau et al.	340	870.16	06/06/95		
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	A5	6,239,789	05/29/01	Sekizawa et al.	345	173	09/14/98		
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